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1. LAUREL PEKAR AND DAVID SCONYERS WERE BRIEFED BY CU, AF AND USIA OFFICERS THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON. BOTH HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FOR THREE-MONTH VISAS THAT WILL NEED TO BE EXTENDED AFTER ARRIVAL.
2. PEKAR PLANS TRAVEL NEW YORK TO LONDON VIA TWA 702 SEPT. 19, WILL SPEND A WEEK IN LONDON CONSULTING WITH PROFESSORS AT SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, AND THEN TAKE BRITISH AIRWAYS 61 TO KHARTOUM ARRIVING SEPTEMBER 25 AT 21:50. IF FOR SOME REASON SHE SHOULD CHANGE HER LONDON/KHARTOUM FLIGHT, SHE WILL ADVISE POST VIA CABLE FROM LONDON.
3. BECAUSE OF TEACHING COMMITMENTS, SCONYERS CANNOT TRAVEL UNTIL END OF FALL SEMESTER. HE PLANS TO DEPART NE. YORK DECEMBER 27 ON TWA 840 TO CAIRO WHERE HE WILL CONNECT WITH SUDAN AIRWAYS 111 ARRIVING KHARTOUM 06:05 DECEMBER 28.
4. PEKAR AND SCONYERS ARE AWARE OF HOUSING SHORTAGE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULTIES THEY WILL ENCOUNTER IN LOCATING ACCOMMO-

DATIONS. STERLYN STEELE, WHO HAS SPOKEN WITH PEKAR BY PHONE AND PLANS TO TELEPHONE SCONYERS AS WELL, OFFERED PEKAR SPACE IN HIS HOME TEMPORARILY UNTIL SHE CAN FIND OTHER HOUSING. PEKAR HAS WRITTEN TO IAAS DIRECTOR YUSUF HASAN ADVISING HIM OF HER FORTHCOMING ARRIVAL AND DESIRE TO SECURE HOUSING AT IAAS. AN OFFICIAL AT SUDANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ALSO SENT A CABLE TO HASAN REQUESTING THAT IAAS TRY TO ACCOMMODATE HER. SCONYERS, WHO MET HASAN THIS PAST SPRING IN LONDON, SAYS HE HAS WRITTEN HASAN SEVERAL TIMES RE HIS PROPOSED STUDY AND HOUSING NEEDS BUT HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY. HE HOPES TO HAVE HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS AGED 5 AND 13 JOIN HIM IN SUDAN AFTER HE GETS SETTLED IN. THEY WOULD REMAIN ONLY UNTIL LATE APRIL.

5. PLEASE VOUCHER GRANTEE'S SECOND MONTH'S MAINTENANCE CHECKS ASAP.

6. FYI, PEKAR HAD MALARIA DURING PEACE CORPS SERVICE IN WEST AFRICA. DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD (SHE WILL BRING MALARIA PILLS WITH HER) BUT WOULD NOTE THAT SHE INQUIRED ABOUT AVAILABLE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN KHARTOUM. KISSINGER

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